

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested.


The non-elected claims (claims 14-21) have been canceled without prejudice to possible divisional filing.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider the obviousness-type double-patenting rejection based on U.S. Patent No. 7,314,573 and the provisional double-patenting rejection based on Application No. 11/168,996; Application No. 10/558,378 and Application No. 10/528,583. A Terminal Disclaimer is being filed herewith with respect to the issued patent and the last two of the applications. It is noted in this regard that Application No. 11/168,996 has been abandoned. Accordingly, the disclaimer refers only to the issued patent and the other two pending applications.

Favorable reconsideration with allowance of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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